has also not registered any case since the boy slipped from the foot board while changing the coach and met with an accident. As such, the question of taking action against any official does not airse. No. compensation has been paid, however, an exgratia of Rs. 5000/- has been paid to the victim on 12.4.2000.

Railway Network in Rajasthan

5147. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the state of Railway network in Rajasthan, as on date;

(b) whether the existing network is adequate;

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to make the existing Railway network adequate; and

(d) the details of requests received from Rajasthan in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The date of Railway network is maintained as on 31st March of each year. As such, the rail network (route kms.) in Rajasthan as on 31.3.1999 (latest available) was, 5,917 kms.

(b)Yes Sir. This would be evident from the fact that Rajasthan has 13.44% route kms/lakh of population against the all India average of 7.42% route kms/lakh of population.

(c) Does not arise. However, construction of new line from Dausa to Gangapur City (92.7 Km) has been taken up. Also new lines from Ajmer to Pushkar and Ramganj Mandi to Bhopal have been sanctioned in the Budget 2000-01. These projects when completed will add to the Railway network. Besides, gauge conversion of Phulera- Jodhpur-Pipar Road-Bilara, Sriganganagar-Sarupsar, Luni-Barmer-Munabao, Viramgam-Jodhpur via Bhildi-Samdari, Rewari-Sadulpur, Agra Fort-Bandikui andAjmer-Udaipur-Chittaurgarh MG lines have also been taken up which on completion will add to the carrying of these lines.

(d) Proposals for construction of new line for Dausa-Gangapur City, Kolayat-Nagore-Phalodi, Ratlam-Banswara- Dungarpur with extension to Mibahera, linking of Dholpur and Gangapur City, linking of Dholpur and Gangapur City, linking Bhawadi with Delhi-Ahmedabad BG line were received. Proposals for gauge conversion of Agra Fort-Bandikui, Ajmer-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur, Bhildi-Samdari, Luni-Barmer-Munabao-Sriganganagar-Sarupsar

Canal Loop, Pipar road-Bilara with extension to Bar, Phulera-Ringas-Rewari, Loharu-Jhunjhunu-Sikar, Degana-Ratangarh-Churu-Rewari and Rewari-Sadulpur MG lines into BG were also received.

Self-Employment to Educated Unemployed

5148. SHRI CR THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for providing self-employment to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, handicapped and other categories through bookstalls at railway stations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Commission/royalty from contractors of Railways

5149. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARSU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1997 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th August, 1997 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Commission/Royalty at the rate of 15% is being recovered from bookstall contractors for supply fo newspapers in Shatabdi and Rajdhani Express Trains;

(b) if so, whehter any separate agreement is executed with bookstall contractors in this regard by each of the Zonal Railways; and

(c) if not, what are the detailed reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAIWLAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Instructions exist that whenever newspapers are procured from Bookstall owners other than those from whom royalty is being charged on sales turnover, commission charges should be recovered at the rate of 15 per cent of the cost of the newspaper or 50 per cent of the commission received by the newspapers agent whichever is higher. The agreement is being executed on those Railways which are procuring newspapers in this manner.